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NOTHING TO DECLARE

A CANADIAN TRAVELLER ALLEGEDLY DENIED ENTRY TO THE U.S. FOR CARRYING LINGERIE AND CONDOMS PROVES SUSPICION IS ALL IT TAKES TO DENY SOMEONE ADMISSION **PAGE 3**



Be afraid, be very afraid

Are there any more terrifying words in the movies than: 'Let's all go to a remote cabin?' The Evil Dead franchise returns **PAGE 7**



Scintillating St. Maarten

Beaches, bars, bistros and a bonanza of different cultures make this French-Dutch island a slice of paradise **PAGE 10**

'I didn't expect any of this to happen': Schoolmate



Xristos Katsiroubas, left, and Ali Medlej as pictured in the 2005-06 London South Collegiate Institute yearbook. Medlej graduated in 2006. Katsiroubas did not complete high school, officials said. Media reports suggest the Canadian Security Intelligence Service was, at one point, following and asking questions about the two friends after a family member contacted authorities in 2007 with concerns they were associating with the wrong crowd. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Algeria attack. Local Muslim denounces terrorism amid reports of London link to al-Qaida attack

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Ali Medlej was a football player. "A big guy," as Darek Bishop puts it. "He was probably, like, six foot two, 250 pounds."

Xristos Katsiroubas was a "preppy kid" whose demeanour changed between his first and second years of high school. "He started hanging out with shady people, and I saw him change," Bishop said. "He was talking different, his whole attitude changed."

It's been more than five years since Bishop roamed the halls of London South Collegiate Institute with Medlej and Katsiroubas. Now he — and many other Londoners — are wondering how two boys from Old South could be part of an al-Qaida-led attack on an Algerian gas plant.

"I smoked cigarettes two feet away from (Xris in high school)," said Bishop, now 23. "I didn't expect any of this to happen."

There were more questions than answers on Tuesday after

Were there accomplices?

- Two others from the London area might have travelled to Algeria with Ali Medlej and Xristos Katsiroubas, reports say, but it isn't known if they were involved in the gas-plant attack.

news reports that Medlej and Katsiroubas were the two Canadians found dead at the plant. Terrorists led a four-day siege at the facility in January during which 38 hostages and 29 militants were killed.

Local Muslims quickly denounced the terrorists' actions and called for greater understanding.

Dr. Munir El Kassem, an imam with the Islamic Centre of Southwest Ontario, and others said they didn't know Medlej or Katsiroubas, both of whom converted to Islam while in their teens.

"Radical views" are not welcome at the London Muslim Mosque, El Kassem said, adding he doesn't believe such teachings are happening elsewhere in the city. "Everyone comes here to pray, and we have announced over and over our doors are open," El Kassem said. "We do not worship behind closed doors."

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Plenty of action

Budweiser Gardens gearing up for 'Super Sunday'

The London Knights and London Lightning, both in the thick of playoff action, are scheduled to host back-to-back home games Sunday.

There'll be plenty of action off the playing surface, too.

Budweiser Gardens staff is hoping to pull off a quick turnaround, converting the arena from a sheet of ice to a hardwood basketball court in only two hours.

It's the first double-header in the venue's history. But, they're ready to give the fast switch a go.

"Typically, you'd like to do this maybe not during the play-offs," said Brian Ohl, Budweiser Gardens' general manager and a vice-president with facility management group Global Spectrum. "It comes down to organization and having the right number of bodies."

Global Spectrum, expects more than 13,000 people — 9,000 plus for hockey and 4,000 plus for basketball — to come through the turnstiles for the big day.

Usually, it takes about three-and-a-half hours to convert from hockey to basketball. The time between Sunday's puck drop and tip off cuts the window of opportunity by nearly 40 per cent.

Ohl does have some experience under his belt. He's worked for Global Spectrum in other cities, managing venues in places like Philadelphia and Ottawa where same-day switch-overs are somewhat routine. **JOHN MATISZ/METRO**

Sunday timeline

- **1:30 p.m.:** OHL second-round playoffs, London Knights vs. Kitchener Rangers
- **4 to 6 p.m.:** Switch main arena from hockey rink to basketball court
- **7:30 p.m.:** National Basketball League of Canada finals Game 2: London Lightning versus team to be decided

Preliminary hearing set in Fontana case



Mayor Joe Fontana
METRO FILE

The strength of the Crown's criminal case against Mayor Joe Fontana will be tested during a two-day preliminary hearing this fall.

A hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 28 and Oct. 29 at the London courthouse. The hearing will determine if there's enough evidence to send the fraud case to trial.

The dates were set dur-

ing a brief court appearance Tuesday by a member of the mayor's legal team. Fontana did not attend.

The case was adjourned in late February to allow the defence more time for ongoing discussions with the Crown.

The RCMP charged Fontana in November with fraud under \$5,000, breach of trust by a public officer

and uttering forged documents.

He is accused of using a \$1,700 federal government cheque to cover a room deposit for his son's 2005 wedding reception. Fontana was a federal cabinet minister at the time. He has denied any wrongdoing and refuted calls that he step down from the city's top political seat.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Londoners launch high-end sock line

Goal in mind. Pair out to prove something as simple as a sock can change a life



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Jazz and socks.

Synonymous?

You wouldn't think so.

That is until you sit down for a chat with London entrepreneurs Diana Charabin and Jeff House.

The co-founders of Cole and Parker, a unisex sock line grounded with a global purpose, named their company after two jazz musicians, John Coltrane and Charlie Parker.

Charabin, 28, says starting a company from scratch is similar to the groovy music genre since it's "a bit of a hustle, and you don't really know what you're creating at first."

Cole and Parker will perform on the main stage, so to speak, Wednesday as Charabin and House pitch to the "dragons" during a taping of the CBC show Dragon's Den.



Cole and Parker co-founders Jeff House, 27, and Diana Charabin, 28, both of London, want 20 per cent of the company's sales to go toward a micro-loan that helps entrepreneurs in developing nations. **JOHN MATISZ/METRO**

"Socks are the new tie," said House, a 27-year-old Western University grad. "It's a way to dress up a bland suit, make it a little sharper, express yourself a little more through fashion."

It isn't just about selling socks, though.

With the help of non-profit organization Kiva, Cole and Parker is directing 20 per cent of its sales toward a micro-loans fund that helps entrepreneurs living in developing countries get their

feet off the ground.

Two weeks into the effort, the pair has raised more than \$27,100 — already passing their 20-day goal by more than \$7,000.

"Ultimately, we want to expand the public's knowledge about micro finance, the powers of sustainability and how to help people living in poverty," House said about Cole and Parker's philanthropic arm.

Moving forward, Charabin and House plan to release

To learn more

Visit indiegogo.com and search for "Cole and Parker — Socks that Start Businesses."

a number of fashion lines under the Cole and Parker brand.

Socks will be available for purchase online and in "high-end trendy retailers" soon, Charabin says.

Murder probe

Double-homicide victims killed weeks apart: Police

One of the men found dead Saturday in a west London apartment was killed in late February, police said Tuesday.

The other victim died late last week, police said. Robert Ratz, 31, and Kevin

Wakely, 50, both Londoners, died of blows to the head, according to post-mortems.

Police said the men didn't know each other, and investigators are continuing to explore their relationship to Jason Cleveland, who has been charged with second-degree murder and committing an indignity to a human body.

The case has been put over until April 25.

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Army on standby

KISS coming to London

KISS will take the Budweiser Gardens stage on July 27.

Tickets are \$62.25 and \$92.25 and go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday. Call 866-455-2849 to order by phone or visit budweisergardens.com.

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Restaurant attack

Molotov cocktail to blame for fire

Fire investigators say a Molotov cocktail is to blame for a Sunday fire at a London restaurant.

It was thrown at the front glass window of Sonice causing about \$50,000 in damage, fire prevention inspector Brent Smith told Metro. **METRO**

Robocalls. Tory worker charged in election fraud

A junior Conservative campaign worker in Guelph has been charged under the Elections Act for fraudulent robocalls made during the 2011 election campaign.

The charge was confirmed by the lawyer for Michael Sona, a young employee on the campaign of candidate Marty Burke.

Elections Canada has been investigating hundreds of fraudulent calls in Guelph and dozens of other ridings that purported to be from the elections regulator.

Voters were told their poll-

ing stations had been moved, part of an alleged scam to suppress non-Conservative voters.

Sona, now 24, asserts that he is being made a scapegoat by the party brass. His lawyer, Norm Boxall, echoed that allegation in a statement Tuesday.

"If the government was interested in the public being fully informed ... a full public inquiry would be called, rather than a charge laid against a single individual who ... clearly lacked the resources and access to the data required."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chemotherapy. Hundreds of patients given weak doses

Cancer Care Ontario says four hospitals are informing patients that they received lower-than-intended doses of two chemotherapy drugs.

A total of 990 patients treated or being treated at London Health Sciences Centre, Windsor Regional Hospital, Lakeridge Health and Peterborough Regional Health Centre are affected.

As each case is patient-specific, Cancer Care Ontario says affected patients are be-

ing encouraged to discuss possible effects with their oncologists.

The organization and hospitals are working with the supplier to find the cause of the error, which was discovered in late March.

The underdosing affected 665 patients at London Health Sciences Centre, which Health Minister Deb Matthews noted amounts to only about 7.5 per cent of cancer patients being treated there. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kamloops, B.C.

Alleged jail-sex voyeurs at hearing

A preliminary hearing is underway in a Kamloops, B.C., court for three RCMP officers and a jail guard who are accused of watching two women having sex in a cell.

Cpl. Kenneth Brown and constables Evan Elgee and Stephen Zaharia are each charged with one count of breach of trust by a public

officer in connection with the August 2010 incident. Guard David Tompkins faces a similar allegation.

The Crown alleges the four did not act when surveillance cameras showed two drunken women having sex.

Instead of intervening, the men are accused of calling their colleagues to watch, even though the women were likely too drunk to be able to consent to sex, and one had already told officers she had HIV. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Student says she was accused of sex work

U.S. border. Customs flagged her for carrying condoms and lingerie, UBC student alleges



KATE WEBB
Metro in Vancouver

A UBC student who tried to go through U.S. customs three times last month while carrying condoms and sexy lingerie says she was interrogated for hours, accused of being a sex worker and warned she could be banned from the U.S. for five years.

Creative-writing student Clay Nikiforuk, 24, has asked that her real name be withheld. She said she was told she now needs a visa proving she has no intent to settle in the U.S. to cross the border.

Her ordeal started in early March. Alone, she boarded a bus to Boston from Montreal, where she lives and is enrolled in distance education.

At the border crossing in Vermont, she said officers questioned her about eight or so condoms in her suitcase and about her undergarments.

"I was like, 'Yeah, some girls like shoes, I like nice underwear,' and then realized it was really not funny," she said. "They were taking it very seriously ... and looking at my condoms and counting them."

Nikiforuk was eventually let through but didn't learn until later she had been flagged as a suspected prostitute.

On March 24, she was back in Montreal heading through U.S. customs on a flight to



Clay Nikiforuk, who asked that her real name be withheld, says she was interrogated by U.S. border agents for eight hours last week and denied a flight on suspicion of being a sex worker. CONTRIBUTED

Aruba via Miami accompanied by a married man.

Nikiforuk said the man's wife knows about their affair.

She said as soon as she gave her passport to U.S. border control she was asked, "How much is he paying you to go on this trip?"

When she said he was not, she was berated for participating in adultery but let go.

When it was time to travel home from Aruba on March 27, she says U.S. customs interrogated her for eight hours. When asked what, if not sex work, she does for a living, she said she is writing a book about sexual assault.

"He asked, 'Are you looking to be sexually assaulted?'"

she said. She alleges that after hours of interrogation, she was denied entry to the U.S., although her partner was not questioned. They spent \$900 each on plane tickets to Canada via Panama, plus paid for two extra nights in a hotel.

She admits she has been paid for some freelance modelling work in the U.S. but insists she was questioned in all three instances in March primarily on suspicion of being a sex worker.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesman Mike Milne said he cannot comment due to privacy laws, but that in general anyone coming into the U.S. frequently is assumed to be an intended immigrant.

Legal checkup

Suspicion is enough

Miami-based immigration lawyer Steve Goldstein said he's never heard of someone being barred from entering the U.S. solely because they were carrying condoms.

And he said he suspects there were likely other factors at play when Clay Nikiforuk (not her real name) was denied entry to the U.S. after travelling to Aruba, such as her website stating she poses for nude modelling photo shoots and the fact she was travelling with a married man.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesman Mike Milne said suspicion of prostitution is enough to deny someone admission to the country under U.S. immigration law.

"If they have suspicion of something, and it's something that falls under the Immigration Act as a ground of inadmissibility, they pretty much are judge and jury," Goldstein said. "They make the decision: you're in or you're out."

Nikiforuk still contends she is the victim of a sexist double standard, because a man would never be investigated to begin with simply for carrying condoms and nice underwear.

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Telemarketing. CRTC fines firms for robocalls

Canada's telecommunications regulator has fined two companies over their telemarketing practices. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance and Quick Connect Solutions both failed to get the consent of people they robocalled to promote their services.

The regulator's rules bar companies from using auto-diallers without the permission of the people being called. The CRTC fined Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance \$69,000 and Quick Connect Solutions \$11,000.

"We appreciate that Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance and Quick Connect Solutions fully co-operated with our investigation and committed to changing their telemarketing practices," CRTC chief compliance officer Andrea Rosen

Who's exempt

- The CRTC's rules for robocalls do not apply to police and fire departments, schools and hospitals that are communicating a public-service message.
- Nor are registered political parties, nomination and leadership contestants or candidates barred from making robocalls.

said in a statement. "We will continue to work with telemarketers to ensure they are obeying the rules at all times. Canadians are encouraged to file a detailed complaint each time they receive an unwanted telemarketing call."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Social chatter. Facebook grouching never gets old

Has Facebook become less fun? That's something many users — especially those in their teens and early 20s — are asking themselves as they wade through endless posts, photos "liked" by people they barely know and spur-of-the-moment friend requests. Has it all become too much of a chore? Are the important life events of your closest loved ones drowning in a sea of banana-slicer jokes?

"When I first got Facebook I literally thought it was the coolest thing to have. If you had a Facebook you kind of fit in better, because other people had one," says Rachel Fernandez, 18, who first signed on to the site four or five years ago.

And now? "Facebook got kind of boring," she says.

Chatter about Facebook's demise never seems to die down, whether it's talk of "Facebook fatigue," or grouching about how the social network lost its cool once grandma joined. The Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project recently found that some 61 per cent of Facebook users had taken a hiatus from the site for reasons that range from "too much gossip and drama" to "boredom." Some respondents said there simply isn't enough time in their day for Facebook.

But so far, for every person who has left permanently, several new people have joined up.

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Are fat fares fair?

Pay-as-you-weigh. Samoa Air will charge passengers for baggage — and personal bulk

Samoa Air has become the first airline in the world to charge passengers by weight.

Instead of a flat rate per seat, the airline will charge passengers a fixed price per kilogram, with the price varying depending on the route.

The pay-as-you-weigh system was announced on the airline's website. "We at Samoa Air are keeping airfares fair, by charging our passengers only for what they weigh. You are the master of your Air 'fair,' you decide how much (or little) your ticket will cost.

"No more exorbitant excess baggage fees, or being charged for baggage you may not carry. Your weight plus your baggage items, is what you pay for. Simple."

The airline posted the news on its Facebook page, getting mixed reaction. Some liked the idea, while Gus Crichton was among those who rejected such a plan. "What? I have to give up my body building career so I can get a cheaper fare? Fat chance," he wrote.

Another dissenter, Guvanch

Passenger poundage

"Anyone who travels at times has felt they have been paying for half of the passenger next to them."

Chris Langton, CEO of Samoa Air

Meredov, called it "immoral and discriminating." Another suggested this policy is like asking people with bigger feet to pay extra for bigger shoes.

The airline's chief executive Chris Langton told ABC radio he believes it is the fairest system for charging passengers. "Anyone who travels at times has felt they have been paying for half of the passenger next to them," he said.

"This is the fairest way of travelling. The people who have been most pleasantly surprised are families because we don't charge on the seat requirement even though a child is required to have a seat. We just weigh them." Langton said a family with two adults and two mid-sized children will now be able to travel at less cost than before.

Customers will be asked to post their estimated personal weight and weight of their baggage on a booking form on the airline's site. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Pay-as-you-weigh airfares are unlikely to come to Canada because of human rights legislation and other legal issues. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Economic crisis

Cypriot finance minister resigns

Cypriot Finance Minister Michalis Sarris has resigned following the launch of a government investigation into how the country's economy nearly collapsed last month. President Nicos Anasta-

siades has accepted Sarris's resignation. The minister has faced strong criticism for his handling of negotiations with Cyprus's international creditors.

Earlier Tuesday, Anastasiades appointed a panel of three former supreme court judges to investigate the country's plunge to the verge of bankruptcy.

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There are lots of candidates: the microwave oven, the smartphone, the car that parks itself, drones, ebooks, the International Space Station, will.i.am, The Bachelorette.

But how about Wikipedia?

All the knowledge of the world at your fingertips. Over 22 million articles in 285 languages, 4.2 million in English alone.

Wikipedia has only been around since 2001, and already it's solved the stupid dinner party argument. Now, instead of a long, boring argument, there's a moment of silence as everyone (let's be honest, just the guys) finds the answer on Wikipedia.



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
metronews.ca

While it takes all the fun out of being a know-it-all — now anyone can be a know-it-all — it cuts down on relationship wear and tear.

"I can't believe you allowed that fathead Charles to bait you like that. Just let it go. Who cares what the national bird of Argentina is?" "I care. It's the Rufous Hornero."

That was then. Now, in the future, the Rufous Hornero and other contentious beasts are at your fingertips, in a Wikipedia article called National Animals.

They don't call it wiki ("quick" in Hawaiian) pedia (for "encyclopedia") for nothing.

As you probably know, Wikipedia is written and edited by mostly anonymous people who do it for nothing. They are constantly working

away on this global treasure, editing and updating the articles 24/7.

So far, there have been more than 600 million edits. Talk about a peer review. And April is contributors' month in Canada,

when Wikipedia nerds organize workshops designed to make articles better. Sign me up for the Rufous Hornero session.

Of course, Wikipedia has its detractors. Despite its strict policy of neutrality, some people think they see biases. But those are the people who see biases everywhere (See Wikipedia: Noam Chomsky). Others are concerned that relying on reliable sources breeds orthodoxy.

Imagine what they'd say if Wikipedia switched to unreliable sources.

In one lifetime, we've gone from a world where only a few wealthy nations had access to the world's knowledge, and even that required access to a good reference library. Now, instead of a library, all you need is a smartphone. Instead of a librarian telling you to shush! you can ask Wikipedia. Yell if you like.

This year it's expected that smartphones account for 70 per cent of the mobile device market in the U.S. (Wikipedia: Smartphone). I'm not sure what happens when all that knowledge gets around, as even a little learning is a dangerous thing.

There's another term for Wikipedia. It's called Pandora's Box. Look it up. You know where.

ZOOM

A canyon of colours

Photography art that's a snap

This image looks as if it was taken in a fantastical canyon on some alien planet. In truth, it's an amazing picture of Arizona's Antelope Canyon taken by amateur photographer Gregory Boratyn.

The 42-year-old software engineer from San Diego has shown the popular geological wonder in a new light thanks to clever use of photo software.

"First, I decided to make them monochrome," said Boratyn.

"The place in the summertime is quite cold, so instead of black and white I decided to go with blue and black to emphasize the coldness of the rock and the place itself. The colours of red, orange and blue are called complementary and they made the image more pleasant to human eyes, which was my intention."

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It lens itself

- Photography software used to enhance the canyon's textures: Nik Silver Efex Pro 2, Viveza 2, Adobe Photoshop CS6.



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Twitter

@metropicks asked: Did you know it takes a 22-km walk to burn off a Big Mac meal? What food would you walk 22 km for?

@MR_BF7: That does not include the GREASE!

@JessicaSquibb: tub of coconut oil. Weird?

@bexbz: Literally nothing

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Ceremony

Elton John and partner to be celebrated

Elton John and his long-time songwriting partner, Bernie Taupin, will be honoured at this year's Songwriters Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

John and Taupin, who teamed on most of the singer's best-known hits, will receive the Johnny Mercer Award during the June 13 ceremony in New York.



Elton John
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Video

Leno and Fallon poke fun at Late Night rumours

Jay Leno and Jimmy Fallon poked fun at the late-night rumours swirling around them in a music video that aired between their back-to-back NBC shows Monday night.

In a spoof of the romantic ballad *Tonight* from *West Side Story*, Leno, who was backstage at the *Tonight* show on the West Coast, and Fallon, in his *Late Night* office in Manhattan, serenaded each other by cellphone.

Internet concert

Buscemi taking lead role for online concert

Steve Buscemi will direct a live stream of a Vampire Weekend concert to debut a new season of *Unstaged*.

The stream will launch the fourth season of *American Express Unstaged*, an online series that pairs notable directors with popular music acts.

Vampire Weekend's concert at the Roseland Ballroom on April 28 will stream live on VEVO and YouTube.

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Jane Levy stars in the latest instalment of *Evil Dead*, which opens this weekend. HANDOUT

What could go wrong at a remote cabin? Lots

Horror films. *Evil Dead* returns this weekend, bringing a fresh take on the genre that has seen lots of clueless, pretty people killed over the years

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Are there any more frightening words in a horror movie synopsis than "five friends head to a remote cabin?"

That phrase has been the starting point for many scary scripts, conjuring up visions of ancient evil life forms, dangerous hillbilly types, mysterious incantations and lines like, "No matter what, we have to stay together."

The cabin-in-the-woods genre is decades old, but almost always follows the same formula: five good-looking teens, say, a jock, a stoner, some hot girls, one a brainiac, and a party girl go to a cabin, and only one or two make it home.



The *Evil Dead* series, which perfected the cabin-in-the-woods genre, developed a huge following. HANDOUT

This weekend's *Evil Dead* shakes up the formula to an extent.

In it some handsome people head to an isolated cottage not to drink and party but to help Mia (Jane Levy) kick her addiction to drugs.

The details are different, but the outcome — and this isn't a spoiler, just a statement of fact — is the same and that's what we like about the genre.

The most well loved cabin

in the woods movies must be the first two Sam Raimi *Evil Dead* films.

The original, and name-sake of the series, was actually shot in a real life abandoned cottage.

In it five friends go to a cabin in the woods (sound familiar?), discover a Book of the Dead and unleash flesh-possessing demons.

It made a star of Bruce Campbell and led to a sequel, *Evil Dead II*, another cabin

movie that is equal parts silly and scary.

Eli Roth made his directorial debut with *Cabin Fever*, a movie inspired by real life events.

The idea for a film about a group of friends in a (you guessed it!) cabin in the woods, tormented by a flesh-eating virus and homicidal townsfolk, came to him as he worked on a horse farm.

"I was cleaning hay out of this barn and got this infection on my face," he says.

The rash got so bad that, "I went to shave and I literally shaved a third of my face off."

It hurt, but he looked at the bright side.

"I thought, 'This is actually going make a great movie one day.'"

Sleepaway Camp — ignore the sequels, although the number two's title *Unhappy Campers* is pretty great — sets the action at a summer camp. This gory slasher flick is most notable for a wild twist ending that has been called a "jaw-dropping, tape-rewinding, pause-and-stare-and-call-your-friends-over-to-stare" moment.

The search for the real Charlotte Church



Charlotte Church's latest release has a gothic feel reminiscent of Radiohead, Bjork and LCD Soundsystem. GETTY IMAGE

Music. You probably remember her as the classical music kid, but she's all grown up now

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By age 21, Charlotte Church had dazzled everyone from the pope to the president, earning legions of fans with her angelic, operatic voice. But forever being known as a classical artist wasn't what she wanted for herself.

"It's a beautiful art form, but I just sort of found it limiting," says the Welsh singer songwriter, now 27, who just debuted *One & Two*, two EPs that are her first U.S. releases in more than a decade. "I just wanted to

express (myself) in a different way."

One & Two isn't Church's first crossover attempt, but it's the first one she truly believes in. She calls an earlier pop album of hers "a really s— album, a throwaway, commercial album," and says that it took so long for her to make a return to the States because "I just never felt like it was right and I never felt like I had anything really good that I really wanted to push."

During her time out of the U.S. spotlight, she had two kids, hosted a sketch television show in the U.K. and was a victim of Britain's phone-hacking scandal. She calls the renewed attention on her music, as opposed to her personal life, "incredibly liberating."

Church admits that reframing people's opinions of her and the type of music she performs "has been pretty challenging."

"It's sort of a good thing because I think that a lot of people have a lot of affection for me and my music when I was little. And, I don't know, especially over here because I've been famous for such a long time, you (become) some distant family member, or like a character in a long-running show," she says. "So it's really sweet and I do often hear, 'Oh, you should go back to classical music' but I don't know, I feel like I've sort of done that." Church wrote and self-released *One & Two* on her own label, Alligator Wine. The music's haunting, gothic beat evokes the sounds of Radiohead, Bjork and LCD Soundsystem.

Sigur Ros. However serious their music might sound, they ain't a somber bunch



There are no hard feelings after Kjartan Sveinsson left Sigur Ros. GETTY IMAGES

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At the top of the year, Icelandic post-rockers Sigur Ros announced that after 14 years, multi-instrumentalist Kjartan Sveinsson had left the band.

"I guess he's tired of touring and wanted to do other stuff," says bassist Georg Holm matter-of-factly. "It's all on a very friendly note."

Indeed, there seems to be no drama surrounding Sveinsson's departure, and the remaining trio — Holm, singer Jon "Jonsi" Por Birgisson and drummer Orri Pall Dyrason — have already recorded a new album, titled *Kveikur*, which Holm says is "as good as finished."

It comes less than a year after Sigur Ros released their sixth studio album *Valtari*.

"We've been very productive. We've been working quickly and having great fun.

Three to 13

Sigur Ros and the word fun don't exactly go hand-in-hand. Their emotionally engulfing and sometimes wrought music gives them a serious aura.

"We are absolutely not very serious people," says Holm with an insistent chuckle. For their spring tour, the core creative trio will be augmented with strings and brass. Their set will feature 13 musicians in all. "We actually have two extra people to replace Kjaten," says Holm. "One playing guitar and one playing piano. Yeah, it was big shoes to fill."

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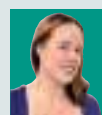
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What's lower than scamming kids with cancer?



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Oh man. This is not good. I mean, in the spectrum of "not good things," this ranks pretty much at the top: Lamar Odom and wife Khloe Kardashian's charity for kids with cancer looks like a scam.

That's right, they are fleecing kids with cancer.

The only thing worse than scamming kids with



cancer? Scamming kids with AIDS. That's it. There's nothing worse. (OK, maybe scamming orphans with AIDS and/or cancer, but that's really it.)

A new report by ESPN (and this marks the first time ESPN has been mentioned in this column) says that Odom's charity, Cathy's Kids, which started in 2004 in honour of Odom's mother who died from stomach cancer, has raised \$2.2 million, but not one cent has gone to cancer-

related causes.

Instead, it seems like the money has gone to two things: the charity's executive, Jerry DeGregorio, who happened to be the best man in Kardashian's and Odom's wedding, and two elite youth basketball travel teams. It's important to note that none of the kids in the "elite basketball team" seem to be battling cancer in between games.

When approached by ESPN, Odom brushed off the allegations with, "It's my money."

Actually, if you raise \$2.2 million by having people donate their cash to help children with cancer, it's not your money. I swear. Do I have to go to Hollywood myself to teach these people how to act?



Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber's pals living it up at his place

It turns out Justin Bieber doesn't even have to be home to show his friends a good time. According to E! News, about four male pals have been crashing at Bieber's L.A. area home and throwing some pretty raucous parties in his absence, and the neighbours are taking notice.

"They probably complain because when people come up, there are like 20 cars. That was a crazy party," a source says.

The house guests living it up while Bieber continues his tour include rappers Lil Twist and King Kev.

Lohan gets in on the April Fools' Day pranks

Lindsay Lohan made a very last-minute decision to continue her adventures in Brazil this week, making her way to the São Paulo airport for a flight back to New York only to opt out of getting on the plane, according to E! News.

While her manager took the flight as planned, Lohan reportedly checked herself into the Emiliano Hotel alone with a female friend.

"She's staying on her own dime," a source says. "She is staying against everyone's

advice."

Lohan's promotional trip to Brazil for a denim company was to be followed by a quick trip to NYC before heading to L.A. for the Coachella Music Festival and then 90 days of court-ordered rehab.

The extended vacation also gave Lohan a chance to get in on the fun of pulling an April Fools' prank on her Twitter followers, posting, "It's official. Pregnant..." and drawing a flood of shocked reactions.



Olivier Martinez

Olivier Martinez gets into fight with photogs

Halle Berry and fiancé Olivier Martinez had a pretty rough homecoming after their Hawaiian vacation when Martinez got into a bit of a scuffle with paparazzi outside LAX, according to TMZ.

Martinez allegedly kicked a photographer in the leg and wrist as he, Berry and Berry's daughter, Nahla, at-

tempted to exit the airport, with Berry reportedly imploring the swarm of shutterbugs, "Get away, there's a child."

Once Nahla was safely in their waiting SUV, Martinez reportedly stormed back to kick the photographer again before being pulled away by Berry.



John Mayer

Mayer declines to discuss relationship

John Mayer seems to have turned over a new leaf when it comes to dishing on ex-girlfriends, as in a recent interview with Ellen DeGeneres he did not rise to her attempts to discuss his recent split from Katy Perry.

"It was a very private relationship going in, it was a private relationship during and it's a private relationship still," Mayer said. "I can understand asking the question based on some previous answers I have given, but I have finally learned how to put the wall between one thing and the other."

The best DeGeneres could glean from the singer was a rather vague, "I'm on the same journey as everyone else."



Sabrina, Kevin and Mike featured receiving the cheque for \$5,000.

Kevin Tyrer and Sabrina Crawford were happy with their new 2013 Mazda 3 Sport GS but a call from their sales rep, Mike Howard, put them over the moon. The lucky couple won the \$5,000 draw, offered to purchasers during the recent March Break Price Break event at Probart Mazda, South West Chrysler and Subaru of London.

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St. Maarten — the place to sip, shop and sun yourself

Island time. Pristine beaches, frosty rum drinks and plenty of shopping make this the place of cubicle dreams

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St. Maarten, a 60-square-kilometre island, boasts beach after beach, most framed by mountains. And these many waterfronts are put to good use with bars plopped on the water and multiple marinas. St. Maarten fulfils cubicle fantasies: crisp white sailboats against azure waters, fresh and flavourful seafood and imaginative rum



Philipsburg is a must-visit site for shopaholics. ISTOCK

drinks. But the island, which is half Dutch and half French, also has a bonanza of different cultures, shown by more than 360 restaurants in surprising variety. So whether you're stopping over before sailing on to

nearby St. Barths or St. Kitts or staying for a while, here's where to shop, sip and sun.

For filling your suitcase
Philipsburg, the capital on the Dutch side, is a must-visit

for the island's legendary duty-free shopping. Stroll along the winding narrow roads and pop into the numerous jewelry and watch stores. Also a must-see? The Guavaberry Emporium, built in an old cedar house, where you can sample not only the berry liqueur but also a guava colada. The fruit has a mild, unusual sweetness. This shop is also a great place to pick up gifts, like rum bottles with colourful hand-painted sunsets and parrots.

For Caribbean blue skies and seas
Sailing aficionados should schedule their visit during the annual Heineken Regatta, where sailboats race around the island, creating picture-perfect views of colourful, billowing sails

dotting royal-blue water. The event promises "serious fun" with parties every night, visitors and locals dancing the night away in flip flops on the sand. Even if you can't sail, make sure to get out on the water — the ocean is so clear, if you jump in, you can see your toes. Even that doesn't impress locals — clear to them means seeing the bottom.

Where to stay

The Sonesta Maho Beach Resort and Casino, undergoing a \$3 million renovation, is ideal for travellers who want a sea breeze and tropical drink 10 minutes after landing. The hotel is within walking distance to multiple restaurants, although it is all-inclusive, covering all your meals and rum punches.



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Roasted Acorn Squash Soup



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F).
2. Brush cut side of squash with maple syrup and place cut side down on a baking sheet lightly coated with 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the olive oil. Bake 45 minutes or until tender. Allow to cool, then scrape out the squash flesh and set aside.
3. In a 4-litre (4-quart) saucepan, heat remaining 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, carrot and apple. Cook for 5 minutes, then reduce heat to low and cover. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until vegetables are soft.
4. Add the cooked squash, 1 litre (4 cups) broth, thyme, and nutmeg. Simmer for 20 minutes. Allow to cool.
5. Once the mixture has cooled, blend (in two batches) in food processor or blender until smooth. Reheat soup and season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper. Stir in fresh lemon juice and add more broth if soup is too thick. Garnish with apple and chives.

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Ingredients

- 2 acorn squash, halved and seeded
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- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
- 1 small Granny Smith apple, peeled and chopped
- 1 l (4 cups) chicken broth, plus 250 ml (1 cup) for thinning
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground thyme
- Pinch of nutmeg
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So you've done the hard work of sending in your application for that dream internship, perfecting your resumé, creating that awesome cover letter, sending in your transcript. And you've been chosen for an interview. Yay!

Now comes the time to prepare and brush up on your interview skills.

One of the things you need to consider is what type of interview it is?

Read below for the three main types of interviews to see what employers are looking for in each type and what you can do to ace the interview.

One-on-one interview

This is the most common type.

What the employer is seeking

It involves you and the interviewer having a one-on-one chat about why you've applied for the position, discussing your qualifications and past experiences and assessing your skills to see if you are a good fit for the employer.

What you should do

- Always bring a copy of your resumé with you to the interview and know what is on your resumé inside and out.

Study up!

Regardless of what type of interview it is, the key to acing it is practise, practise, practise!

- Consider checking in with your school's career service department to see if they offer mock interview, resumé critiques, and other interview help.

- When the interviewer asks you questions, you will need to refer to specific examples from your resumé

and highlight what skills and strengths you developed from those experiences, as well as both the positive and negative aspects of your previous employment and how you dealt with them.

- You will also use your past experiences to talk about a weakness you may have, but make sure to emphasize how you are working to improve on those weaknesses.

Group Interview

This involves you and a few other job seekers who have applied for the same position or department as you. The employer will interview all

of you simultaneously to see if you would work well in a team environment with your co-workers.

What the employer is seeking

- In this type of interview, the employer wants to assess your ability to work as part of a team by seeing you in action.
- The employer will judge you based on how you well you interact with the other applicants and your contributions to the interview discussion.

What you should do:

- Greet the other applicants and introduce yourself.
- Don't interrupt other ap-

plicants when they're talking but feel free to contribute to others' answers.

- Know what your own personal strength is when working in a team, and showcase that role well.

Telephone Interview

Based on your availability and time or location constraints, the employer may decide to interview you on the phone.

What the employer is seeking

- The employer will want to hear a clear, vibrant voice.
- He/she will be testing your ability to think on the spot

and articulate your answers.

What you should do

- Firstly, schedule a phone call for a time when you know you for sure that you will be available.
- Again, have your resumé in front of you so that you can be ready to answer questions.
- Don't rush your answers, but instead take the time to form clear responses.
- Keep a calendar/agenda handy, so that you can take down important notes.

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James Reimer has a 13-4-4 record this season, but talk persists that the Leafs must shore up their goaltending with an experienced puck-stopper as the club appears poised to end a nine-year playoff drought. KATHY KMONICEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reimer thankful for deadline break

NHL. With trade rumours swirling, Leafs backstop content to be on hiatus until Thursday

Goaltender James Reimer is very thankful the Toronto Maple Leafs don't play again until after the NHL trade deadline.

Clubs have until 3 p.m. on Wednesday to make deals and reshape their rosters. Of course, it's an unsettling time for NHL players, including Toronto goaltenders Reimer and Ben Scrivens with the Leafs looking

at possibly adding Calgary veteran Miikka Kiprusoff for their stretch run.

Fortunately for Reimer, Toronto is in the midst of a four-day break and doesn't play again until Thursday against the Philadelphia Flyers.

"I think it's a huge distraction," Reimer said Tuesday.

"If you have the opportunity to not be playing I think that's probably almost a benefit."

Reimer, 25, and Scrivens, 26, have both been solid in helping stake Toronto (20-12-4) into a tie with Ottawa (19-10-6) for fifth in the Eastern Conference standings before Tuesday night's games.

Quoted

"It's a fun position to be in because it shows people genuinely care about the team."

Leafs backup goalie Ben Scrivens on dealing with trade rumours

The six-foot-two, 208-pound Reimer has a 13-4-4 record, 2.52 goals-against average, 920 save percentage and two shutouts in 22 appearances this season. Scrivens is 7-8-0 in 18 games boasting a 2.59 GAA and .918 save percentage with two shutouts.

But neither Reimer nor Scrivens has any NHL playoff experience. So the Leafs have reportedly received permission from the Calgary Flames to speak with Kiprusoff's representatives.

The 36-year-old boasts a career 2.48 GAA and .913 save percentage. He still has a year remaining on a deal that reportedly doesn't include a no-trade clause, but talk is Kiprusoff has made it clear if he's dealt he won't report to his new team.

"All you can control is how you play. I know it's a huge cliché, obviously, but it's the truth," Reimer said.

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MLB. Carter says 2013 Blue Jays just have to 'relax'



Jays great Joe Carter jokes with team president Paul Beeston on Tuesday before Toronto's season opener against Cleveland. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Former Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Joe Carter knows a thing or two about high expectations.

Big things were expected the year after Toronto's first World Series title in 1992. The Blue Jays rose to the occasion again in 1993, with Carter anchoring the team and sealing the series victory with a walk-off homer in Game 6.

The buzz is back in the Ontario capital this year after a busy off-season marked by some stunning trades and spending.

Carter's advice for the 2013

edition of the team? Don't get caught up in the hype.

"When you have new guys come in — as many as the Jays have coming in now — the tendency is to go out there and try to do too much, too early," Carter told The Canadian Press.

"And then when you do that, you put yourself in a hole. What they've got to do is just go out there and try to relax as much as possible and trust their teammates and believe in their teammates and not try to do it themselves."

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NHL

Slumping Stars clearly rebuilding

The Dallas Stars on Tuesday traded 41-year Jaromir Jagr to Boston and sent surging centre Derek Roy to Vancouver.

The moves came a day after a 4-0 loss to Anaheim, a team the Stars play twice more this week. Dallas is 12th in the Western Conference with 13 games left, and on track to miss the playoffs for the fifth year in a row. Dallas got two young prospects and a conditional second-round pick from Boston, and a 23-year-old defenceman and a second-round pick from Vancouver.

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MLB

Orioles pick up where they left off versus Rays

Baltimore played like a confident bunch that's left 2012 behind and is intent on proving a surprising breakthrough season wasn't a fluke.

Adam Jones keyed a seventh-inning rally with a go-ahead double and Chris Davis followed with a three-run homer Tuesday to help the Orioles launch their quest to return to the playoffs with a 7-4 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

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Curling

Jacobs drops 1st match at worlds

Canada's Brad Jacobs is no longer undefeated at the world men's curling championship in Victoria.

Jiri Snitil of the Czech Republic beat Jacob's rink 6-4 in the morning draw, handing Canada its first loss after five straight victories.

Snitil improved his record to 3-3 with the win.

The Czechs caught a break in the ninth when Jacobs missed a raise takeout, allowing Snitil to register another steal of one for a 6-4 lead going into the final end. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Canadian skip Brad Jacobs
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Simple yet stylish 2013 Honda CR-Z



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2013 Honda CR-Z

- **Type.** Two-door, two seat compact hybrid hatchback
- **Engines (hp):** 1.5-litre SOHC I4 (119 plus a 20-hp electric motor, 130-net horsepower)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable (CVT) option
- **Base price (incl. destination)** \$24,500

4X4

The CR-Z's six-speed manual transmission returns with a beefed-up clutch and a different final gear ratio for improved highway efficiency. From driving experience, sticking with the manual with its light, precise shifter is unquestionably your best choice if maximum performance is preferred.

Design

As for its 2013 updates, the good news is that Honda has avoided messing about with the CR-Z's looks, other than installing mesh-look inserts for the grille, fog-light pods and rear bodywork (diffuser) and adding extra bling around the headlights. That also goes for the interior, which now features some fancier trim and reshaped door panels with added bottle holders. Unchanged are the wide and generally comfortable seats.



The look of the grille is new for 2013.

Engine

Under its elongated hood are significant changes to the CR-Z's hybrid heart. The 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine now makes 119 horsepower, up six over the 2012 model. In addition, the nickel-metal-hydrate battery pack is replaced with a lighter and more efficient lithium-ion battery pack to backstop the electric motor. The system output is now 130 horsepower and 140 pound-feet of torque on models fitted with the optional CVT.

Review. If there's a standup in the Honda's 2013 lineup, it's the CR-Z, but not for the reasons you might expect

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When it comes to the 2013 Honda CR-Z, the car's true purpose remains masked by its contradictions, even after receiving a modest makeover and powertrain upgrade.

Visually, the car appears as sporty as all get out and a modern interpretation of the cute little CRX buzz-bomb of the 1980s and early '90s. That Civic-based two-seater was the ideal dance partner for drivers of modest means who wanted something that was light on its feet, looked cool and could perform magic zipping around

town or over twisty highways.

Honda envisions a significantly different role for the CR-Z, however, one that blends modest performance with an equally modest attempt at eco-friendliness with its gasoline-electric hybrid power system.

The result is a pretty decent (and attractive) commuter vehicle, but it's ultimately a car that won't set the hearts of sports-car fans aflutter. Like a timid swimmer, the CR-Z only sticks its big toe into the automotive mainstream, something that anyone wishing to avoid the sameness of your typical econo-box should find appealing.

The CR-Z comes with a selectable "3-Mode Drive System" with Sport, Normal and Econ settings to allow the driver a choice of efficiencies in operating performance and fuel consumption. Added for 2013 is a unique Plus Sport System. Provided the battery has at least a 50 per cent charge, pushing the "S+" button on the steering



The simple but effective dash/control panel layout is a carryover from the last model.

wheel while accelerating produces an extra boost of power that lasts for up to five seconds, regardless of which of the three drive-system modes you're in.

Fuel economy should be close to the 2012 model's 6.5/5.3 (l/100 km) city/highway numbers, however better results can be achieved with the CVT option that should top out at about 5.6/5.0 city/highway. Other manufacturer's hybrids can do better, but most cost more than the CR-Z's estimated \$24,500 asking price, which includes destination charges.

For that entry fee you can

count on all of the usual and expected comfort features, along with ambient console lighting, high-intensity discharge headlights and a 360-watt premium audio system. Heated leather seats and a navigation system with rear-view camera are available with the Premium Package.

Otherwise the CR-Z's advantages appear to outweigh its drawbacks. The car's sharp styling, comfortable cabin and extra-roomy and versatile cargo area are not-to-be-overlooked virtues that make it an ideal touring car for two.

By comparison



1 Mini Cooper
Base price: \$25,800



2 Fiat 500T
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3 Scion tC
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Subaru's 'boxer' engine all about balance

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A boxer engine provides predictability and makes it easy to service a vehicle

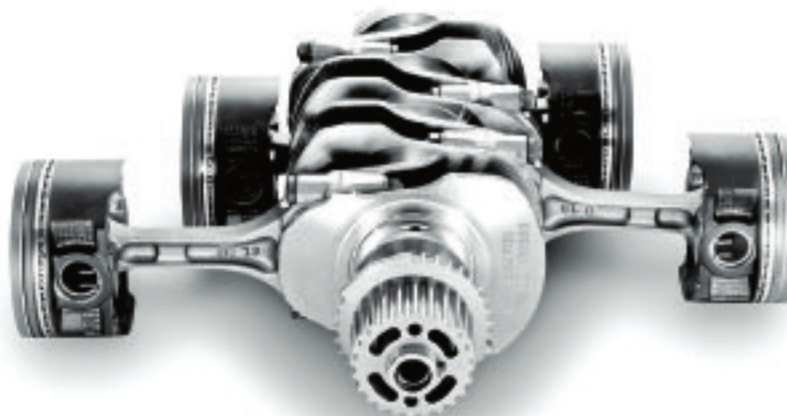
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To most people, a boxer is someone who makes his living in the ring. But there's another definition in the automotive world — it's a type of engine, and the only kind you'll find in a Subaru vehicle.

"It's also called a horizontally opposed or flat engine," says Ted Lalka, vice-president of product planning and marketing for Subaru Canada.

"They tend to be compact and lightweight, and they produce a fair amount of power to weight. They're still used in aviation for those reasons, and our company has a background in the aircraft industry, so we developed an expertise in these types of engines."

The heart of an engine is a large, heavy shaft called the crankshaft. It's attached to pistons, which slide inside cylinders when they're powered by



Subaru's boxer engine. CONTRIBUTED

A different type of engine

- The boxer engine is part of Subaru's "symmetrical" all-wheel drive configuration, in which all driveline components are aligned on the car's north-south axis for better balance.
- It's believed that horizontally opposed engines got the name "boxer" because the piston movement looks like boxers jabbing at each other.

the exploding force of gasoline that's been detonated by the spark plugs. The pistons turn the crankshaft, and its spinning motion is what ultimately turns the car's wheels.

It's similar to the way your legs move up and down to turn the pedals on a bicycle, with that power used to turn the wheels.

On most engines, the pistons are above the crank-

shaft, either in a straight line (called an inline engine, the most common configuration for four-cylinder engines), or slanted in two banks, forming a V that gives V6 and V8 engines their names. But on a boxer engine, the four or six pistons lie flat on either side of the crankshaft, where they move horizontally in their cylinders to provide power.

A boxer engine isn't as tall

as a regular engine, which helps to lower the vehicle's centre of gravity. This improves handling and stability.

"With the boxer engine, it has very good balance between the left and right side, so the vehicle handles in a very predictable manner," Lalka says. "In addition, it makes servicing the vehicle easy. A lot of the components can be placed on top of

the engine, so the alternator, water pump, and even the oil filter are right on top where they're easier to reach."

Several companies have used the boxer engine design over the years. Porsche currently uses it in the 911, Boxster and Cayman. Other cars that have used it in the past include the Chevrolet Corvair and original Volkswagen Beetle.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Do whatever it takes to make an impression on people in positions of power. With your drive and determination you can and you must find ways to get yourself noticed.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Forget about the negative things in your life — the bills, the quarrels, etc. — and focus on your dreams. The planets indicate that at least one of those dreams will come true over the next few weeks.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you need to improve your financial situation then it's time to make that big move from the planning stage to the doing stage. You know what changes need to be made, so get on with it and make them.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Changes seem to be coming quickly at the moment and it may all be getting a bit too much for you. Calm down, make yourself a nice cup of tea and let the planets work their magic. You'll be OK.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It seems you have your fingers in too many pies at the moment and there is a serious possibility they could get burned. Maybe it's time to back off a bit, at least for a while. Sort out your priorities.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your creative juices are bubbling and although some say your ideas are far-fetched, you know they can work. You have so much confidence in your abilities there is nothing you cannot do.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will be on good terms with just about everyone today but especially with a group of people who like to go to extremes. That's all fine and dandy but watch out you don't hurt yourself, or other people.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Nothing seems to faze you at the moment. Is that because your circumstances have changed for the better or is it because you finally understand that life is supposed to be fun? Whatever the reason, enjoy!

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Minor problems will likely be magnified into major setbacks today, at least in your head. It is essential that you don't let your fears get out of hand. What happened to that happy-go-lucky, optimistic Sag?

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Pluto in your birth sign gives you great power but it also brings with it responsibility for how you use that power. You may be tempted to use your authority to cut corners today but that would be a mistake.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Others may be urging you to do this or do that but don't listen to them. There is no need to panic or change your lifestyle. Changes will take place but let them happen gradually, not all in one go.

Pisces

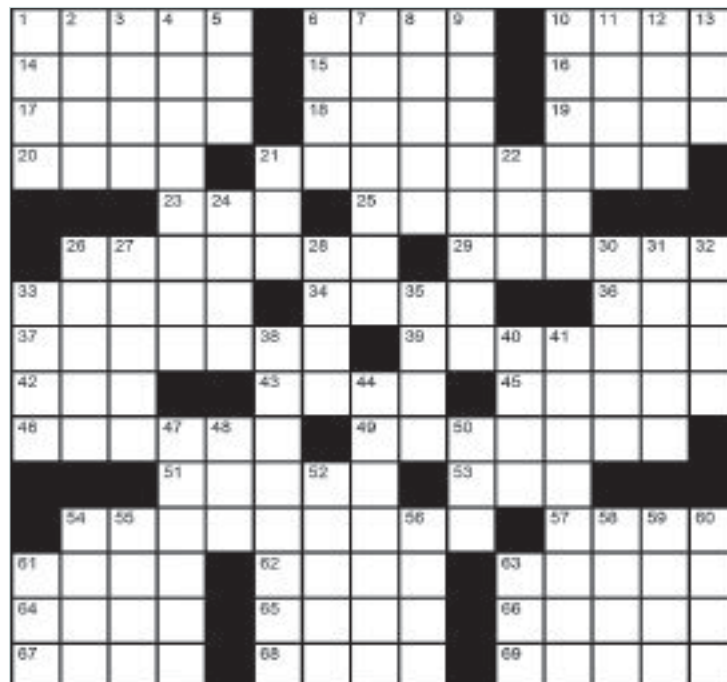
Feb. 20 - March 20

What is happening in your life may be unsettling but it is also necessary if you are to lead a fuller existence. Whatever is going on won't be happening next week. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Winnie-the-Pooh greeting
6. Long-range weapon, commonly
10. Taj Mahal's site
14. Shake like ___
15. Actor, Benicio Del ___
16. Alaska's famous Glacier
17. Alberta tourist hotspot
18. Canadian news anchor who is 3x Olympian, Rosey ___
19. Curves
20. Ice floes animal
21. Winnipeg-born singer/songwriter Chantal
23. Singer Ms. DiFranco
25. Right-hand page
26. Lady Gaga's "Bad ___"
29. Virgil epic
33. Tailor's lines
34. Subtraction opp.
36. Francis __, "Love Story" score composer
37. "Piece of cake!": 2 wds.
39. Character in Great Expectations
42. Superagent on "Entourage"
43. "Hey! Hold on ___!"
45. Makes __ (Is untidy)
46. City of Russia
49. Trinidad music style
51. Alan __ (Canadian hubby of Suzanne Somers)



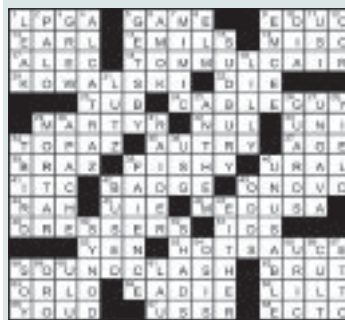
53. Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
54. Fundraising entities
57. Queen's 'Bohemian', e.g.
61. Enthusiasm
62. Swimmer's circuits
63. Shrek's beloved Princess
64. The Phantom's name in Gaston Leroux's classic novel The Phantom of the

- Opera
 65. Itemize
 66. Songs
 67. Canadian comedian/actor, Jon __
 68. Musher's 'vehicle'
 69. Some ducks
- Down**
1. Montreal hockey players, to fans
 2. Wings: Latin
 3. Ms. Horne

4. Chief Anchor of "CTV National News", Lisa __
5. Switch selection
6. Old road of Rome
7. Emergency situation: 2 wds.
8. Alla __ (Music term)
9. Daniel Day-Lewis film, "The Last of the __"
10. Books-selling website
11. Wise adviser
12. Humphrey's part in

- "Casablanca" (1942)
13. MGM's motto, __ Gratia Artis (Art for Art's Sake)
21. Family
22. Used up
24. Astronaut employer
26. '70s fashion, for instance
27. "Wonderwall" band
28. Islets
30. Its opposites
31. "___ feel that way." (Concurring comment)
32. "Buenos ___!"
33. Thailand, formerly
35. Prefix meaning 'Ten'
38. Log-processing sites
40. Mr. Diggs
41. Shopper's dream site
44. "The Twilight Saga: ___" (2010)
47. Ottawa-born actress Sarah
48. Rowboat steerer
50. Mil. officers
52. Internet commerce, __
54. Kind of mackerel
55. Brushed stuff
56. Approximated, for short
58. Sharpen skills
59. Afresh
60. Backstage __
61. Last letter
63. Alberta's McMurray, et al.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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